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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

LAVINDER SINGH,)
Plaintiff,) C 08-1454-MEJ
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v.
EMILIO T. GONZALES, Director, U.S.)
JOINT REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION)
FROM ADR PROCESS)

EMILIO F. GONZALES, Director, U.S.
Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S.
Department of Homeland Security, Office of the
Chief Counsel, 20 Massachusetts Avenue,
N.W., Room 4025, Washington, D.C. 20536,

JOINT REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM ADR PROCESS

Defendant. }

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Pursuant to Civ. L.R. 16 and ADR L.R. 3-5(b), each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of the ADR Unit's Internet site <www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov>, discussed the available dispute resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit from any of them.

Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial in this immigration case. Given the substance of the action and the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR will only serve to multiply the proceedings and unnecessarily tax court resources. Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the parties request that this case be removed from the

1 ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be excused from participating in the ADR phone
2 conference and any further formal ADR process.

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4 Dated: May 29, 2008

/s/
5 JAMES R. CANFIELD
Attorney for Plaintiff

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9 Dated: May 29, 2008

/s/
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Attorney for Defendant

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12 **ORDER**

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Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED

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Dated: _____

16 MARIA-ELENA JAMES
United States Magistrate Judge

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